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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take this opportunity to give my opinion on the settlement recently reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I feel the settlement is a good development at this point and will be good for the millions of consumers around the country who use Microsoft products.

The comprehensive agreement requires significant adjustments in Microsoft's business practices going forward. As an example, Microsoft has agreed that if a third party's exercise of any options provided for by the settlement would infringe any Microsoft intellectual property right, Microsoft will provide the third party with a license to the necessary intellectual property on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. And to assure compliance with the terms of the agreement, Microsoft agreed to the formation of a Technical Committee that will monitor Microsoft's actions

Truly, there are no winners if this litigation continues. But getting this settlement finalized will allow Microsoft to focus on new variations of the products that have been very good for many years. Also, the government can focus their resources on more urgent matters.

P.S. I trust your judgement in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ann Moberger